

\$10,000 Bequest to Rector In Mrs. Hall's Mother's Will

The spiritual character of the ancestors of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, widow of the slain Dr. Edward Wheeler Hall, was traced in the installment of this genealogical series printed yesterday. This in part explains her constant devotion to the church through her period of trial and suffering. At no time since she was jailed as the slayer of her husband and Mrs. Eleanor Mills, the choir singer, has she lost her faith in God.

The illuminating article by Mr. Love revealed that Erasmus Stevens, Jr., her great-great-great-grandfather, was one of the founders of the "New North Church," established in Boston in 1714. The first clergyman in Mrs. Hall's family was Samuel Whiting, born in 1597. The Rev. Cotton Mather, noted Puritan divine, was another of her progenitors. The Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, late bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, also was a relative of Mrs. Hall.

By GEORGE DOWLING LOVE

NEW BRUNSWICK, Aug. 19.—Examination of the will of Mary Noel Stevens, mother of Mrs. Frances Hall, widow of the slain Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, seems to reveal the reason for the almost maternal care which Mrs. Hall has exercised over her brother, Willie Stevens, who, like his sister and Henry C. Carpenter, their cousin, is held in connection with the killing of Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills.

Mrs. Mary Noel Stevens died early in October, 1919, and her will was admitted to probate on October 21 of that year, at which time letters-testamentary were granted to Henry Stevens and Mrs. Hall, both children of the testator, as executors under the will.

That Mrs. Stevens did not regard her son, William Carpenter Stevens, better known in New Brunswick as "Willie," a volunteer fireman, competent to manage his own affairs is apparently indicated by the fact that, while the bulk of her estate was divided equally between the daughter and two sons, the will specially provides that the portion set apart for William be held in trust by the executors. They are to pay to him the income from that part and "direct and advise him how best to invest it."

Death Contingency

What appears to be another significant clause in the will is that relating to the possible death of the children.

This provides that, "in the event of either of my children dying without issue, his or her share to be divided among those remaining."

Evidently, in the light of this provision, and the further fact that the home on Nichols Avenue, New Brunswick, and the lot adjoining the property, were devised to Mrs. Hall, the possibility that "Willie" might some day marry and have a home of his own was not even considered.

\$10,000 to Hall

Further interest attaches to the will from the light it throws on the feeling of Mrs. Stevens for her son-in-law, the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall. That she held him in high regard is evidenced by the fact that she bequeathed to him \$10,000, although this sum is only one-fourth the amount that was generally understood to have been left by Mrs. Stevens to the rector.

The well known interest of Mrs. Stevens in church and charitable organizations was evidenced by several bequests. One was a gift of \$3,000 to the Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church, another of \$2,000 to the Church of St. John the Evangel, of which her son-in-law was rector, and an equal sum to Christ Church, New Brunswick.

The sum of \$2,000 was bequeathed to the John Wells Memorial Hospital, an equal sum to the Rev. E. B. Joyce, rector of Mrs. Stevens, and \$500 to the Ladies Aid Association of the John Wells Memorial Hospital.

The significant portions of the will, in their exact and peculiar wording, follow:—

"To my son-in-law, Edward W. Hall, I give and bequeath the sum of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars.

"I give and bequeath to my daughter, Frances, my house and lot situated on Nicholas Avenue, New Brunswick, together with the lot adjoining said property, with

the understanding that she is at liberty to sell or rent all or part of said property whenever she so desires. I also give to my daughter, Frances, all of my clothing, house linen and jewelry, requesting her to give to my two sons each one or more articles of jewelry.

"My furniture, books, pictures, china or glass to be divided or sold, and the proceeds to be divided among my three children as my executors see fit. My silver to be divided among my three children.

"The rest and residue of my property I wish divided in three equal parts, paying to my son, Henry, and to my daughter, Frances, each one-third. The remaining third I wish my executors to hold in trust for my son, William, paying to him the income thereof, and directing and advising him how best to use or invest it. And in the event of either of my children dying without issue, his or her share to be divided among those remaining."

More Sorrow For Mrs. Hall

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of the progressed Mars and to the square of the Sun, and is passing to the opposition of Neptune, the square of Saturn and the square of Uranus—a train of adverse directions which will bring out all the most fateful possibilities indicated by the stars on January 13, 1874.

It is interesting to note that on July 28, when Mrs. Hall was arrested, the Sun was passing over Uranus, and that the New Moon on July 25 was in conjunction with Saturn in her horoscope, both of which influences would bring into prominence the adversity foretold by the position of these two planets.

As the hour of birth is unknown, it is impossible to predict the final outcome of these directions, but it is safe to say that the soul of this gray-haired woman will be tested to the limit of its endurance.

Miss Jenkins to Wed E. C. Smith

The marriage of Miss Helen Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wadsworth Jenkins of New York and Madison, Conn., to Edward Calhoun Smith of Kansas City, Mo., will take place at noon today in the Church on the Madison Green, Madison. Miss Jenkins's maternal grandfather, the Rev. George Jarvis Prescott, will perform the ceremony.

BEQUESTS FOR CHARITY

The will of Walter M. Ward of Newark, who died October 12, 1925, bequeathes large sums to charities and religious institutions. His estate amounted to more than \$100,000.

OH! MARGY!

BY
JOHN
HELD JR



"Be it upon your own shoulders," says Margy, "if you sit on the beach."

Who Read Hall Love Letters?

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mately answer the investigators' most important questions.

The letters are important for these two reasons:—

1. Some of them were read by persons involved in the killing.

2. By tracing who had them and how they returned from the scene of the murders to the Mills home, the authorities may secure a valuable clue to the identity of the slayers.

Several of Hall's letters were written to Mrs. Mills while he was in the church, at services and waiting for the choir to complete its singing to begin his sermon. They both referred to "our road beyond the Parker house," indicating the frequency of their meetings in De Russey's Lane. One letter written by Mrs. Mills said: "When any one else calls you endearing names and you say 'Dear,' it is far more merciful of you to stab me."

Who read this letter, which was found in the Mills home after the murder, and possibly had a mental reaction to the use of the word "stab"?

These letters, many of them, were left in the church, hidden in an old starch box. The authorities know how many persons had easy access to the church and who they were.

It has been definitely established by several reliable witnesses, at least five of them, that Mrs. Mills carried a package of these letters to the scene of the murder.

A month later a package of letters was found in the Mills home. They were said to have been "hanging on a doorknob." I personally went through the Mills home a few days after the murder, and on several occasions thereafter, as did the police, and there were no letters in any part of the house. The place where the letters were described as having been hanging on the doorknob, in a white handbag belonging to Mrs. Mills, was examined and handled many times by the police, and there were no letters or bag.

Where did they come from, several weeks later—and who had them in the meantime?

Study the reaction of the persons closely associated with the two victims when the letters were finally made public.

Mrs. Hall said little. She was amazed at the proof of her husband's infidelity, but admitted they were in his writing.

James Mills said: "I really believed in my wife. It is a bitter blow to feel that these charges are true. I feel no vindictiveness to any one, least of all toward Dr. Hall. It is a disappointment that he should thus have failed in my ideal of him." The day before the murder he told his wife that she was "making a perfect fool of herself over the rector."

In a subsequent article I am going to try to analyze the natures of principals in this case, as they appeared to me during close scrutiny over more than four months. In one of these I will deal with conditions in the homes of principals of the case.

Hall Guess Confirmed by New Data, Shylock Finds

By SHYLOCK HOMES

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Not only do I agree with the New Brunswick Board of Trade trustees in protesting to Gov. A. Harry Moore that the investigation of the Hall-Mills murder case was undignified and unethical, but for the very life of me I fail to see wherein the evidence of the "pig woman" has been substantiated, even the chief supporter of her testimony being himself discredited by the woman he was with the night of the murder.

Banker Missing, Properties Are Taken by Sheriff

The properties of Charles W. Owen, formerly prominent in New York banking circles, have been levied upon by Sheriff Nimmo of Bergen County, N. J. He has been missing since June 29, when he was supposed to have gone on a visit to the Texas oil fields.

The levies, which cover Owen's home in Hackensack, and securities, were made at the behest of Keppler & Keppler, brokers.

It is alleged that about twenty neighbors of Owen invested \$150,000 in the Kentucky Oil Products Company. On visiting the offices recently they found it closed, they say.

Women Kin Smash Durkin Wax Figure

CHICAGO, Aug. 19 (By U. P.).—While hundreds of pleasure seekers looked on in amazement, four women relatives of Martin Durkin, bandit slayer, under a 35-year sentence in the county jail, smashed the waxworks figure of the murderer in an amusement park here last night.

The exhibit was labeled "Does Crime Pay?" and included models in wax of famous criminal figures of recent years.

The women were said to include Mrs. Martin Durkin, mother of the convicted man, and Lucille Durkin, his sister.

WELLS DEFENDS SHAW'S THEORY OF FINANCE

LONDON, Aug. 18 (By U. P.).—H. G. Wells, has rushed to defend George Bernard Shaw's theory of finance as expressed in a recent letter attacking financial comment in the Daily Herald.

He has written to the Herald declaring that its writer on Socialism and finance "expressed ignorance and bosh in stating that war bonds had been doubled in value by deflation."

FREE LOVE TAUGHT BY COLLEGE, CHARGE

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Aug. 19 (By U. P.).—Charges that a Mena, Ark., college was championing free love, Sovietism and other teachings opposed to American principles were being investigated today by the executive committee of the State American Legion.

The school is maintained by the I. W. W., and receives financial aid from the Russian government, it was said.

VOTING MACHINES WILL BE USED IN FALL ELECTIONS

Thousands of voters will use voting machines for the first time this fall in casting votes for candidates for state and local offices. The machines tested at the last election will be used in 611 districts in Manhattan and Brooklyn at the November election.

Fleeting glances of people on murky nights, or the so-called "resemblances" of shadowy forms to those of Mrs. Hall, Willie Stevens, Carpenter, or the murdered couple, are not proof that it was the people under suspicion who were actually present at the scene, and too much time and attention have been given to the episode of the coat and scarf which were sent to Philadelphia to be dyed.

Mrs. Hall is frugal for a wealthy woman and when suddenly left a widow it was only reasonable she should have her lighter colored garments dyed a more sable hue to save the cost of new mourning.

A Correct Guess
However, that is supposition and theory and I must not forget that my main purpose in this case is to award \$1,000 in cash prizes for the first correct solutions of the Hall-Mills case. Readers of The GRAPHIC have given every indication that they can solve this mystery.

One incident I must note to prove The GRAPHIC theorists are making intelligent solutions is the coincidence of the evidence at the investigation Tuesday, when it was admitted by the doctor that Mrs. Mills may have died fighting, and the rector slain trying to aid her, with a theory advanced and printed in The GRAPHIC Wednesday and mailed to me Monday by Hilda Schovery of 319 East 80th St.

Simpson Wasting Time
Celia Rodriguez of 273 10th Ave. writes: I think Mr. Simpson is losing his time believing Mrs. Gibson's story.

Mrs. S. Plisco of 654 Brook Ave., Bronx, writes: "Why did the 'pig woman' wait; why didn't she notify the police as the boy and girl did?"

Miss Dolly O'Leary, 22 Irving Place, writes: "I lived on a Nebraska ranch and know how they butcher pigs. Any person familiar with a pig-knife should be questioned."

James J. Ryan of 210 West 103d St., writes: "Some religious fanatic killed them."

The first correct solution which comes to The GRAPHIC will win a cash prize of \$500. Other solutions which come in will be awarded prizes ranging downward to \$250, \$100, \$50 and \$10 until the \$1,000 is exhausted. Every letter that comes in will be stamped according to the date and the hour that I have received it.

Write your solution in not more than 500 words. The solution will be based not only on my theory, but on the findings of the court when those who are about to be arrested or who have already been taken into custody are tried.

After you have sent in your solution, which will be properly marked according to the hour and date it was received, read the various theories advanced by those investigating the case, as reported in The GRAPHIC. As the case shapes up, you are at liberty to write your opinion as to what theory, as advanced by the authorities, is correct. This must be done before October 2. This will have no bearing on the solution you have previously sent in. Follow the Hall-Mills mystery development every day in The GRAPHIC.

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